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Prior to an Examiner's first Action in the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments:

Please amend claim 9 (marked up version attached in Appendix), such that pending claims 1-14 are as follows:

1. An air bearing slider comprising:
a transducer for communicating with a disc; and
means for supporting the transducer so that the transducer is at a closest position with respect to the disc during flight.
2. A slider of claim 1 wherein the means for supporting the transducer comprises:
a composite slider body with a front portion composed of a first material and a rear portion composed of a second material, the slider body having an air bearing surface defined on a disc opposing face of the slider body, where the air bearing surface comprises the front portion and the rear portion; and